

May 31, 2006

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 1172

Honorable Michael Nofs and Honorable Committee Members:

Although the Senate bill 1172 does not meet the full recommendation of issues that the ETSC supports, the ETSC recognizes and appreciates both this committee's and the house's support and work to move the recommendation of the ETSC forward.

While a sunset in 2007 may not give the counties the longer term reassurances they were looking for in their 2006 ballots, it will give immediate assurance in the lifespan of those ballot proposals.

Without the ETSC's recommended parity contribution of prepaid wireless providers, counties that are feeling the pinch of decreasing landline 911 revenues will have no financial relief for delivering services to those providers' customers. This committee's original bill, HB5917 was a step towards that parity and the 911 community thanks you for those efforts. The issue of prepaid parity for 911 will be before you again in the near future.

The ETSC will be bringing a recommendation for a revision of the current funding for Michigan's 9-1-1 system. This recommendation will be neutral across lines of technology and will likely include other recommendations to keep Michigan a leader in 911 services to the citizens of Michigan. The ETSC will look to the House for its continued leadership and dedication to 911 issues in Michigan.

Dale Gribler, Chair
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